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SUBJ: "FEE POLAND": POLISH GOVERNMENT INQUIRY ON  
ATTITUDE OF DEPT OF JUSTICE TOWARDS GOVERNMENT IN  
EXILE

REF: WARSAW 6271

1. REFTEL REQUESTED AUTHORITATIVE INTERPRETATION FROM DEPT.  
ON SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION BY DEPT. OF JUSTICE REGISTRA-  
TION UNIT TO REQUIRE SHORT FORM REGISTRATION BY FREE  
POLAND GROUP. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI SPECIFICALLY  
INQUIRED AS TO THE EFFECT OF SUCH REQUIREMENT ON RECOG-  
NITION OF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

2. DEPT, HAVING CONSULTED WITH JUSTICE, CAN CONFIRM  
EMBASSY'S ASSUMPTION THAT REGISTRATION DETERMINATION BEARS  
NO RELATIONSHIP TO RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMACY OF FOREIGN  
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GOVERNMENTS. FOREIGN AGENCTS REGISTRATION ACT APPLIES TO A

BROAD RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO QUALIFY UNDER THE DEFINITION OF "AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL". THERE IS NO IMPLICATION THAT IMPOSING A REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT IN ANY WAY IMPLIES RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMACY OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL NEED NOT BE A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

3. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE LACK OF RELEVANCE OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT TO RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENT, THE DEPT PROVIDES FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM LABEL WHICH IS REQUIRED TO BE PLACED ON POLITICAL PROPAGANDA MATERIALS ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES BY FOREIGN AGENCTS:

QUOTE: THIS MATERIAL IS PREPARED, EDITED, ISSUED OR CIRCULATED BY (NAME AND ADDRESS OF REGISTRANT) WHICH IS REGISTERED UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AS AN AGENT OF (NAME AND ADDRESS OF FOREIGN PRINCIPAL. THIS MATERIAL IS FILED WITH THE DEPT OF JUSTICE WHERE THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. REGISTRATION DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS MATERIAL BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. END QUOTE.

4. IN GIVING SPASWOSKI THIS EXPLANATION YOU MAY ADD THAT USG WISHES TO REAFFIRM THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE--AND THAT THE ACTION OF REGISTRATION UNIT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DOES NOT PURPORT TO RECOGNIZE--"THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND IN EXILE, LONDON." KISSINGER

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